

Now, if my colleagues want to defeat campaign finance reform, they will have yet another possibility to do that. That is this amendment. And after this amendment, we will have other amendments designed to kill this bill. But I believe a majority of the Members of this House are ready to stand in a bipartisan way, whether it takes until 11 o'clock, 12 o'clock, 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m., or 4 a.m. we are going to stand tall, opposed to any amendment that will break up our coalition.

I ask all Members on both sides of the aisle to defeat this amendment and pass campaign finance reform.

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I would like to ask my good friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN), one question, please.

If soft money is so corrupting, why then does the gentleman allow any soft money to be legal in this bill?

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mrs. EMERSON. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Chairman, if the gentlewoman thinks soft money is okay, why does she oppose the \$10,000 limit?

Mrs. EMERSON. I hate soft money.

Mr. MEEHAN. Can I answer the question?

Mrs. EMERSON. Yes.

Mr. MEEHAN. This is a limited amount, \$10,000. It cannot go for television ads, it cannot go for radio ads.

Mrs. EMERSON. Wait, stop, everyone.

Mr. MEEHAN. It cannot go for radio ads.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The Chair again requests that Members use the proper procedure in yielding back and forth to each other. The gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. EMERSON) controls the time. If the gentlewoman chooses to yield further to the gentleman from Massachusetts, she may do so.

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Chairman, I would like to just have a very short answer from the gentleman.

Mr. MEEHAN. If the gentlewoman will continue to yield, my brief answer is we believe that the million-dollar contributions, like the \$4 million to Enron over a period of 10 years, the \$2 million in the last election cycle, that is what we are fighting; the \$2 million ends up in television ads.

This is \$10,000 that cannot go on television. It cannot do anything but build both parties.

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, how much time do I have remaining?

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentlewoman has 1½ minutes remaining.

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 15 seconds to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY).

Mr. NEY. Mr. Chairman, I just want to point out that Shays-Meehan has been passed around and changed more than a baby at an all-day baptism party in the last 2 weeks and last night.

And the other thing is, my friends from Michigan and Connecticut do not get the point. We have a good bill, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN) and I. We did not claim it was from the outset completely pure. My colleagues all claim to ban soft money, but they do not.

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the remaining time.

Back a couple of amendments ago, I heard the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MEEHAN) talk about the corruption of soft money and how we do not have a prescription drug bill for senior citizens because of soft money, and his bill does not ban it. In the gentleman's bill there are big huge loopholes for obscene amounts of money from pharmaceutical companies, from unions, from whomever to keep us from doing good legislation.

If we are really serious about this, we will ban all soft money now and forever.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. EMERSON).

The question was taken; and the Chairman pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 185, noes 244, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 29]

AYES—185

Aderholt
Akin
Armey
Baker
Bartlett
Barton
Bereuter
Biggett
Bilirakis
Blunt
Boehner
Bonilla
Bono
Boozman
Brown (SC)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Cannon
Cantor
Capito
Chabot
Chambliss
Coble
Collins
Combest
Conyers
Cooksey
Cox
Crane
Crenshaw

Culberson
Cunningham
Davis, Jo Ann
Davis, Tom
Deal
DeLay
DeMint
Diaz-Balart
Doolittle
Dreier
Duncan
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
English
Everett
Ferguson
Flake
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Fossella
Frelinghuysen
Gallely
Gekas
Gibbons
Gillmor
Goode
Goodlatte
Goss
Granger
Graves
Green (WI)
Gutknecht
Hall (TX)

Hansen
Hart
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Hayes
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hilleary
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hunter
Hyde
Isakson
Issa
Istook
Jenkins
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Keller
Kelly
Kennedy (MN)
Kingston
Knollenberg
Kolbe
LaHood
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lucas (OK)
Manzullo
McCrery

McHugh
McInnis
McKeon
Mica
Miller, Dan
Miller, Gary
Miller, Jeff
Moran (KS)
Myrick
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Norwood
Nussle
Osborne
Ose
Otter
Oxley
Pence
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Pickering
Pitts
Pombo
Portman
Pryce (OH)
Putnam

Radanovich
Regula
Rehberg
Reynolds
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Ryun (KS)
Saxton
Schrock
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shaw
Sherwood
Shinkus
Shuster
Simpson
Skeen
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Souder
Stearns
Stump

Sununu
Sweeney
Tancredo
Tauzin
Taylor (MS)
Taylor (NC)
Terry
Thomas
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Upton
Vitter
Walden
Watkins (OK)
Watts (OK)
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (NM)
Wilson (SC)
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOES—244

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Andrews
Baca
Bachus
Baird
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett
Bass
Becerra
Bentsen
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Bishop
Blagojevich
Blumenauer
Boehrlert
Bonior
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brown (FL)
Brown (OH)
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson (IN)
Carson (OK)
Castle
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Condit
Costello
Coyne
Cramer
Crowley
Cummings
Davis (CA)
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLahunt
DeLauro
Deutsch
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dooley
Doyle
Dunn
Edwards
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Ford

Frank
Frost
Ganske
Gephardt
Gilchrest
Gilman
Gonzalez
Gordon
Graham
Green (TX)
Greenwood
Grucci
Gutierrez
Hall (OH)
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Hill
Hilliard
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hoeffel
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Houghton
Hoyer
Hulshof
Inslee
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
John
Johnson (CT)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy (RI)
Kerns
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kirk
Kleczka
Kucinich
LaFalce
Lampson
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larsen (CT)
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Luther
Lynch
Maloney (CT)

Maloney (NY)
Markey
Mascara
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McDermott
McGovern
McIntyre
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Menendez
Millender-McDonald
Miller, George
Mink
Mollohan
Moore
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Owens
Pallone
Pascarelli
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Petri
Phelps
Platts
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Quinn
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reyes
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Rush
Sabo
Sanchez
Sanders
Sandlin
Sawyer
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Schiff
Scott
Serrano
Shays
Sherman
Shows
Simmons